THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) An agreement between the Government of India and Government of Islamic Republic of Pakistan to run "Thar Express" a weekly broad gauge Express passenger train between Monabao (India) and the Zero Point Railway Station near Khokhrapar (Pakistan) with effect from 18.2.2006 has been signed on 31.1.2006. The train service has started on 18.2.2006.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) No request from Pakistan to run this train upto Ajmer has so far been received in this Ministry.

(d) Does not arise.

Staff working at road side stations

2057. SHRI PENUMALLI MADHU: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether his Ministry is aware of staff, working at road side stations;

(b) whether it is a fact that there is no accommodation for their (staff) stay rest and cooking on such stations;

(c) if so, by when his Ministry would solve this problem;

(d) whether his Ministry has any plans to solve this problem; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) to (e) Do not arise.

Pending overbridges/underbridges in Uttar Pradesh

2058. SHRI LALIT SURI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of proposals pending with the Railways for the construction of overbridges/underbridges on sharing basis received from

the State Government of Uttar Pradesh and local bodies in the State; and

(b) the number of proposals pending for over a year, the reasons for delay and by when they are likely to be cleared?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) and (b) Railways construct Road Over/Under bridges in lieu of existing busy level crossings on cost sharing basis if the traffic density at the level crossing is one lakh or more Train Vehicle Units (TVUs) (TVU—A unit of obtained by multiplying the number of trains with the number of road vehicles passing over the level crossing in 24 hours); otherwise on deposit terms. Proposals in both cases have to be sponsored by the State Govt. fulfilling certain preliminary pre-requisities required under extant rules.

All the firm feasible proposals fulfilling the above criterion and the preliminary pre-requisites as per rules have been either sanctioned in various Railway's Works Programmes or included in Works Programme of 2006-07 and at present on firm proposals received from State Govt. of Uttar Pradesh and local bodies in the State are pending.

ATMs at Railway Station

2059. SHRIMATI JAYA BACHCHAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of ATMs of banks working at present at railway stations in the country;

(b) whether there is any proposal to install more ATMs at railway stations;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether Government propose to publish a list of such stations having ATMs on the Railway's website for general public; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) to (e) The information is being collected and will be laid on the table of House.